(d) what is the reason for discontinuing it?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) Yes.

(a) Pupils are generally found poor in English.

(b) No.

(c) Vide answer to (b).

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know whether it was the only reason for continuing this?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—If such reasons are found to be prevailing in other schools also, will the Government consider the question of continuing the system there?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government will consider the question once again.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know whether the Government have received from the Headmaster of the Boys' High School, Kunnamkulam, that the standard of the pupils in English has become very low on account of this system being adopted there?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—On the contrary, are they found strong in Malayalam on account of this change?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not think.

Special treatment to Backward Communities in the matter of promotions.

308. Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) are not the Government aware of the fact that in giving promotions in Government service, the Madras Government are meting out special treatment to qualified candidates of the Backward and Depressed Communities;

(b) are there not instances of such preferential treatment in the appointments and promotions made by the Cochin Government;

(c) what was the pay of the present permanent Excise Circle Inspector, Southern Division, before he was selected for the post and were there not seniors to him in service who could have been benefitted if they were selected for the same; and if so, why was he preferred?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—(a) The Darbar has not enquired.

(b) Yes, as regards appointments.

(c) Rs. 68 in the 60—80 grade. Applications were invited and the appointments was made by selection.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—With regard to sub-division (c), was the appointment of the present Circle Inspector made because he was the seniormost man among the candidates?

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Mr. M. P. Cherian.—He was not the seniormost man in the 60 to 80 grade at that time.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Then why was he appointed?

Mr. M. P. Cherian—Applications were invited and he was found to be the best man available for that post.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—How was he found to be the best man?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Diwan interviewed with every one of the applicants. They were summoned to the Huzur and the Diwan interviewed every one of them and he was found to be the best man for executive work.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—That he was a member of an unrepresented community was not one of the considerations of the Government.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I have not seen anything on record to that effect. I think it would naturally have been one of the reasons.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know, Sir, whether the Government has not exercised this preferential treatment in the matter of promotions also. The answer is given that preferential treatment is shown only as regards appointments. Are there not instances of our Government having preferred members of backward communities in the matter of promotions also?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Does the Member mean that after they have entered the service?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Yes.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Bridge over the canal in the accretion lands at Edavanakkad.

309. Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any bridge over the north to south canal in the accretion lands at Edavanakkad;

(b) are not the Government aware that people of the locality are put to great hardship for want of a bridge over the canal?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—(a) No.

(b) There is not great hardship.

Vernacular Education Committee's Report.

310. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Vernacular Education Committee has finished its labours;

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